

**North Hampton Budget Committee**  
**Draft Minutes** (amended Jan 11)

7:00PM - 10:15 PM

10 January 2002

Present: Chuck Gordon (representing Little Boar's Head District), Homer Johnson, Kim Kisner, Ted Kopanski, Larry Miller, Jon Rineman, Robbie Robinson, Cynthia Swank, Lloyd Sullivan

Public Hearing of Town and School Budgets and Money Warrant Articles.

Russ MacAllister, Town Administrator, presented the Town budget and warrant articles. Rich Goeselt did brief presentation about the Pay As You Throw warrant article.

Kim Kisner, Chair of the School Board, presented the School budget and warrant articles. George Lagassa explained the two union contracts.

At the conclusion of the public hearing the Budget Committee convened and

- 1) Approved minutes of 3 Jan 2002 meeting (unanimous, those not at meeting, abstaining).
- 2) At the request of George Lagassa, considered and voted unanimously to increase the budget line for the Rockingham County Community Action from \$1000 to \$3000 (line #01-4440.10-104). The total operating budget becomes \$3,275,129. BudComm voted 9-0 to recommend the town operating budget.

3) Approved all the town's money warrant articles. The votes were:

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| Article VIII  | Accrued Benefits Liability Trust Fund   | 9-0                     |
| Article IX    | Municipal software  | 9-0                     |
| Article X     | Police cruiser  | 9-0                     |
| Article XI    | Digital radio   | 9-0                     |
| Article XII   | Two numbers had been reversed; changed the article to read "forty two thousand five hundred dollars (\$42,500)" and voted to recommend  | 9-0                     |
| Article XIII  | Mosquito control  | 9-0                     |
| Article XIV   | Vehicle exhaust   | 9-0                     |
| Article XV    | FD Equipment Cap Res  | 9-0                     |
| Article XVI   | Voting booths   | 8-1 (CG)                |
| Article XVII  | Tennis courts   | 9-0                     |
| Article XVIII | PAYT  | 9-0                     |
| Article XX    | Clarified the wording. It now reads "Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred forty thousand dollars (\$140,000) to make all Town offices ADA-compliant, including purchasing and installing an elevator to provide handicap access to the renovated office space on the second floor of the Police Station, and to be funded from the fund balance as of June 30,2002? voted to recommend | 8-0, 1 abstention (JR). |
| Article XXI   | As discussed above, the operating budget was increased by \$2000. Article   |                         |

now reads "totaling \$3,275,129" 9-0

4) Voted 9-0 to approve the school's operating budget of \$5,568,345.

5) Voted to approve all the School's money warrant articles. The votes were:

Article 1 Seacoast Education Assn contract 9-0

Article 2 Seacoast Educational Support Personnel Assn contract 9-0

Article 3 Land purchase 8-0, 1 abstention (RR)

Article 4 Technology equipment 7-1 (CG), 1 abstention (RR)

Article 5 Projection system & camcorder 8-1 (CG)

Article 6 Capital reserve fund. Clarified wording to agree w/ town's (June 30, 2002).  
Voted to recommend 8-0, 1 abstention (CG)

6) BudComm members discussed several areas that they wish the selectmen and other town officers to address in the review process next year

a) that not only departments but also other elected officers respond to requests for a budget in a timely manner, and attend the budget review session where their specific budget lines are reviewed; and

b) that the Town's default budget be provided and explained in a timely manner

Cynthia Swank

Recorder